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EXPORT OF BASMATI RICE
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of Basmati rice exported from the country during the last three years and thereafter;

(b) the amount of foreign exchange earned by the country therefrom during the said period;

(c) whether the Government proposes to formulate any scheme to encourage the export of Basmati rice;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the target fixed for the export of Basmati rice during the current year?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN)

(a) & (b): The quantum of Basmati rice exported from the country and the amount of foreign exchange earned therefrom are as under:

Year	Quantity (in Tonnes)	Foreign exchange earned (in US Dollar Million)
2002-03	7,08,793	425
2003-04	7,71,491	434
2004-05	11,26,125	610
2005-06(April,05)	81014	50.21

Source: DGCI&S

(c) & (d): Steps being taken, on an on going basis, for promotion of export of agricultural products including Basmati rice, are conducting publicity campaigns, sending delegations abroad, participating in international trade fairs, inviting potential buyers and providing financial assistance to exporters for improving quality, packaging, brand promotion of products and for conducting market service.

(e): No targets are fixed for export of agricultural products including Basmati rice.